



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3641**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/869,635 Confirmation No. 5824
Applicant : Lebrun, Alain
Filed : July 2, 2001
TC/A.U. : 3641
Examiner : RICK PALABRICA
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING
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Docket No. : 33774
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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated May 28, 2003 (Paper No. 11). The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on August 28, 2003. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for 3 month(s), to November 28, 2003. The \$950.00 extension of time fee is enclosed. Also enclosed is the \$770.00 RCE filing fee accompanying this amendment. A check in the total amount of \$1720.00 is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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Signature of Attorney

November 26, 2003

Date

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.